
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. JOSE L. LINARES, U.S.D.J.
:
v. : Crim. No. 09-145
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MARIS CRUZ ESPINAL HERNANDEZ : ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE

This matter having been opened to the Court by Ralph J. Marra, Jr., Acting United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (Shana W. Chen, Assistant United States Attorney, appearing), and defendant Maris Cruz Espinal Hernandez (Peter Carter, Assistant Federal Public Defender, appearing), for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter to allow the defendant and the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey to conduct plea negotiations and to finalize a plea agreement, and the defendant being aware that she has the right to have the matter brought to trial within 70 days of the date of her appearance before a judicial officer of this court, pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 3161(c)(1); and the defendant having consented to the continuance in the above-captioned matter because she needs additional time to confer with counsel and review discovery; and it appearing that the defendant has waived such right; and for good and sufficient cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

1. Plea negotiations currently are in progress, and the United States and the defendant desire additional time to negotiate a plea agreement, which would thereby render trial of this matter unnecessary.

2. Defendant has consented to the aforementioned continuance.

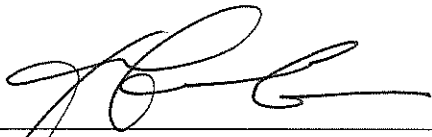
3. The grant of a continuance will likely conserve judicial resources.

4. Pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 3161(h)(8), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

WHEREFORE, IT IS on this 27th day of March, 2009

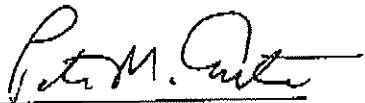
ORDERED that the proceedings in the above-captioned matter are continued for the period of March 20, 2009 through April 20, 2009; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the period between March 20, 2009 through April 20, 2009 shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974.

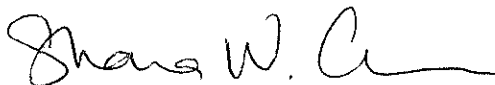


HONORABLE JOSE L. LINARES
United States District Judge

Consented and Agreed to:

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Peter Carter, AFD

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Shana W. Chen, AUSA